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The international copyright bill has been defeated. It is, perhaps, well that it was.

The bill to admit Utah and New Mexico into the union has been favorably reported by the house committee.

The St. Louis Post-Dispatch refers to an esteemed contemporary as a "sway-backed, spindle-shanked colt of journalism."

The prospects are not very brilliant at the present outlook for dark horses standing any show in the race for governor or lieutenant governor.

The elevation of Hon. John G. Carlisle to the United States senate would be a great loss to the house and a considerable blow to the democracy in that body. And yet nobody can say that he ought not to accept the honor.

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BELTON has awakened up to the necessity of doing something and has raised a cash bonus of \$75,000 to induce the Santa Fe railway company to move its machine shops from Temple to that place. The \$75,000 is a pure gift in addition to grounds on which to locate the shops.

The Bastrop Advertiser says a project is on foot to connect La-Grange and Weimar by rail. No doubt the movement to build the Huntsville and Brenham road to La-Grange has suggested the project. This goes towards proving the claim that if the proposed road to Brenham is built it will speedily become the trunk line of a splendid system.

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AN IDEAL SOUTHERN HOME.

The beautiful residence and farm of the late James A. Seddon, secretary of war of the confederate states, in Goochland county, twenty miles west of Richmond, has been sold for \$20,200 to a party of Richmond gentlemen, who will probably use it as a stock farm.—Galveston News.

The above paragraph recalls to mind a charming phase of Southern life, which no longer exists, and that has faded away like the memory of a beautiful dream. Before the war, when property in slaves furnished the cornerstone of Southern aristocracy, the elegance and refinement and intelligence of the people was found in the country, and the hospitality of the Southern people, the grace and charm of their manners and the luxuriousness and refinement displayed in their homes were proverbial. And there was no home in the South which furnished a truer type of Southern refinement or in which the old-time hospitality and before-the-war Southern customs were kept up longer than at "Sabot Hill," the home of the Seddons. Had Dr. Johnson, in exhausting his powers of description and imagination to paint the dwelling-place of Rascals in the "Happy Valley," have come upon this place, he could not have presented a more fanciful and poetic picture than by giving a faithful description of Sabot Hill and relating the daily life thereat. The place is located between the James River and Kanawha canal. The residence is a beautiful two-story brick building in a lovely grove, on a high hill and overlooking the river. In the centre of the building is a rotunda or court, with niches in the walls ornamented with quaint little statuettes. The rooms are painted in different colors like the White House at Washington, and each has furniture to match. A portion of the house is given up to an extensive library of several thousand volumes, and the walls are hung with some of the rarest and most celebrated paintings and pictures in the world, by Rubens and other great masters. A number of single pictures which adorn the walls cost thousands of dollars. The editor of THE BANNER had the honor of enjoying the hospitality of Hon. Jas. A. Seddon's family at this elegant home in the summer of 1878. They were always entertaining guests from Richmond and other places, but at the time the writer had the pleasure of being there he was the only representative of his sex, while there were all the way from ten to twenty beautiful young ladies, and it became his agreeable duty and formed a part of his daily life there to accompany them a blackberry hunting in the meadow and pastures for the purpose of helping them over the fences. Four meals a day were served after the English style. Dinner, the principal meal, generally lasted about two hours and consisted of numerous courses. Wine was served with each course, and negro butlers in starched linen stood at each end of the table. The walls of the dining-room were solid reflecting mirrors. The time was spent between meals in playing various games, pleasure driving and in rowing on the river and canal. Between the principal meals lunch was served in parties of two and three on small tables in the rotunda. At that time Mr. Seddon, the ex-secretary of war of the Confederacy, was alive, but was all drawn up with rheumatism and constantly wore a skull-cap. He loved to talk about Texas and said that the whole South looked to it to become the empire state of the union and to represent the new energies and recouped forces of the South. A few years back Miss Matoika Gay, the editor of a society paper in Richmond, created a great deal of a sensation and a good deal of bitterness by the statement that the genuine aristocracy of Richmond were occupying attics and looking down upon the butchers and bakers drive by in their fine turnouts and the adventurers who came down from the North and struck it rich after the war by preying on their misfortunes. And now beautiful Sabot Hill, the ideal Southern country home of a past era, is to become the home of the cowboy.

The vegetarian cranks get a black eye from M. Meguin, a well-known scientist, who claims that vegetable-eating animals and persons are the most liable to contract and die of consumption.

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